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Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §254, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of PTO's error and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following error appears in the patent as printed:

Column 5, Line 44, "sealing end of the section 18" should read -- sealing end 21 of the barrel section 18 -- (See the Amendment dated June 10, 2005, page 3, replacement paragraph.)

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<u> AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 11, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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diaphragm body 52 is convex. As can be seen in Fig. 8, the distance D between the first end 68 of the ribs 66 and the protrusion 64 decreases due to the flexing of the diaphragm body 52. This condition exists immediately after the flush valve is activated. During the period of time after the flush valve is activated, water flows through the bypass orifice filter insert 90 in the diaphragm body 52 (not shown). As the diaphragm body 52 begins to force itself against the sealing end 21 of the barrel section 18 (i.e., the main valve seat 20), the first end 68 of the ribs 66 and the protrusion 64 squeeze against the barrel section 18 before the sealing end 21 of the barrel section 18 is received within the recess area 72 of the diaphragm body 52. This squeezing of the barrel section 18 helps prevent the diaphragm assembly 50 from closing too quickly against the sealing end 21 of the barrel section 18, thus preventing water hammer of the flush valve. As pressure P<sub>1</sub> and pressure P<sub>2</sub> become approximately equal due to water flowing to the upper chamber 24 through the bypass orifice filter insert 90, the diaphragm body 52 closes on the valve seat 20 wherein the sealing surface defined within the recess area 72 is adapted to contact the sealing end 21 of the barrel section 18. —

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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